

FROM CAPTAIN WHEELER

Following is an interesting letter received recently by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wheeler of Leroy, from their son, Don A., who is in Belgium and was written prior to a promotion he was given to the position of captain.

Somewhere in Belgium,
Oct. 25, 1918.

Dear Ones at Home:

Well, here we are, in a new country, Belgium, and say, people, I have had the most wonderful auto-ride thru a part of the Old World that anyone has ever had. I really doubt if any member of the A. E. F. has ever had as marvelous a trip as I did, under such pleasant circumstances, and with everything just exactly right.

We (my colonel and I) left eastern France, drove to Paris, then to the extreme northern corner of France, thence across the historical battlefield of Ypres, to this point in Belgium. I slept in Paris, in another town I slept in a famous general's bed. I have seen the most beautiful parts of

France, I have seen the most ruined and desolate no-man's-land that anyone can conceive. My former colonel was made a brigadier-general, and has been very close to me lately, and I have enjoyed it wonderfully. My new colonel is a wonderful man, a thorough gentleman, and a good friend to me. He was the commandant of the 4th O. T. School at Sheridan while I was instructor there, now he is my colonel and we are great friends, I tell you. When our big move came he and I decided to come overland by auto, instead of by train. Of course, you know a colonel rates an auto, and "of course" I have to share it with him. Well, that night our driver was taken sick, so I convinced the colonel that I could manage the trip myself, and we started, never a bit of trouble with the car, and covered 425 miles of France, and I tell you now, I shall never forget it.

Dad, you must learn to know my colonel. He is Frank C. Gerlach, a druggist of Wooster. Sometimes you must look up his people and tell them that your son is adjutant to Colonel

Gerlach. Can you do that? I assure you that he is some fine gentleman, and I am enjoying my association with him to the fullest extent.

How are you all? Is it getting cold, there, already?

I have had no news of you for weeks now, for no mail has caught up with us yet, but live in hopes, but that's the trouble, I usually get your letters in bunches, but you just keep it up, just the same. Do you hear from Painesville? And from whom?

Folks, I have at last, literally "won my spurs", because an adjutant is mounted, and according to uniform regulations of the army must wear spurs, and is furnished a horse. If I ever had an intense desire for anything in the military, it was to wear spurs, and now I have them, so you probably won't know me, all dressed up in boots and spurs and carrying a riding crop. What say, eh?

Now, goodnight, with love to all.

Don.

THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross Roll Call

When "the greatest mother in the world" calls the roll the week of Dec. 16-23, the hope of the American Red Cross is that the answer for the entire American people will be: "All present, or accounted for."

It will be the occasion for 22,000,000 adults and 8,000,000 children to renew their membership and for all others to join.

This Christmas when our country is out of the deep waters of war, every dollar paid for an annual membership in the Red Cross will be a direct Christmas gift to our land, air and sea forces, and to those who have felt the sting of war in a way that we in this country have not experienced. The ministrations of the Red Cross will be a good substitute for Christmas at home as can be furnished under the circumstances.

President Wilson, as president of the American Red Cross, says: "I summon you to the comradeship."

\$1 for Annual Membership

Since the soldiers overseas have been informed by their officers that the American Red Cross will play Santa Claus this Christmas for all the boys in khaki who have no relatives in the United States, Red Cross headquarters at Washington has been receiving hundreds of appeals.

Following is an excerpt taken at random from a letter inclosing a Christmas package coupon. An Italian thus addresses his Christmas appeal:

"To whom it may concern—I am in service in France, and having no people in the United States, would like to receive a little package from the Red Cross on Xmas. I am in No Man's Land in a big woods, and it is raining.

"I have been informed the Red Cross will send Xmas packages to any soldier who sends them his Xmas package coupon. I have received so much tobacco and other things from the Red Cross in my fourteen months in France, I scarcely like to write again. I am in a hospital recovering from wounds, and the Red Cross furnishes us with daily papers, writing material, tobacco, fruits and recreation.

"I have no one to send my Xmas coupon to, so am sending it to you, as per notice on our bulletin board. If you send a package, I would appreciate it if you would send a bill for same, for I would gladly pay for it. I don't want to impose on you. The Red Cross is the best friend we have."

Hospital searchers are being sent by the American Red Cross into all the hospitals along the front. Their task is to supplement the necessary meager reports sent by the army to the families of the killed and wounded, with more detailed letters. It is the "human touch that makes the whole world kin."

Do you know the Christmas Red Cross Roll Call is the call of our brothers, sons, husbands, who are far away, over the sea? Do you know that if you answer "present" you'll be helping some boy over there, and you'll show that you're backing our soldiers and will to do your share? Do you know that to millions of children this is sign of a heaven, indeed for they know it means clothing, food, shelter and love to supply every need? Do you know what the millions of members all over our well-beloved land have been able to do thru the Red

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Cross in offering a kind and helping hand? Will you answer "I'm here" to the Christmas Roll Call? If you will you'll receive a beautiful Red Cross button—a token of Christmas good cheer.

Christmas Roll Call Dec. 16-23.

Red Cross Election

Nine hundred and forty-three members of Medina Red Cross (local) did NOT vote at the election called for Thursday, Dec. 5. Eighteen votes were cast, electing Mrs. Bessie Hewes chairman, Mrs. Clark Reinhardt, secretary and Mrs. Clyde Jones, treasurer.

Notices of the election were sent thru the mail to the auxiliary membership. If the overwhelming absence signified approval of the former administration, as has been hinted, then why not have paid the far greater compliment of voting for these efficient officers, instead of seeming merely indifferent?

Orders from the Knitting Department

Do not knit socks less than 10 1-2 inches long; they will not be accepted. Sweaters must measure at least 17 inches at the shoulder.

Red Cross Magazine

Subscriptions to the Red Cross Magazine expire with membership. Do not neglect to renew. Roll Call solicitors will take the subscription; \$2 buys a membership in the greatest fraternal order in the world, and the best magazine now published.

The Sentinel has been asked to call the attention of its readers to a paragraph from the statement made by Chairman Henry P. Davison of the Red Cross War Council on his return from spending three months in Europe.

The paragraph deals with the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call for mem-

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bers to be held in Medina and the country over Dec. 16-23. It says:

"During the week before Christmas, there is to be a Roll Call, giving every citizen an opportunity to register as a member of the volunteer humanitarian agency of the American people, which is recognized throughout the world as the American Red Cross. This membership involves no commitment beyond the payment of one dollar, but this payment will register a continuance of humane sympathy and at the same time it will have the very practical value of contributing to the continuation of Red Cross chapter work and to the meeting of the needs within our own country."

The Sentinel has also received word from Lake Division Red Cross head-

quarters stating that 96% of the Kentucky chapters had appointed their Roll Call managers up to Dec. 2. On the same day, Indiana and Ohio were 75% organized in this respect.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the members of the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, for the election of three directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting, will be held at the offices of said company, at Leroy, Ohio, on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 10 o'clock a. m., closing at 4 o'clock p. m. of said date.

W. E. HAINES,

Secretary.



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Some of the money paid to the farmer during a single day comes back to the company in a month from sale of products; much does not come back for sixty or ninety days or more. But the next day Swift & Company, to meet the demands made by its customers, must pay out another \$2,000,000 or so, and at the present high price levels keeps over \$250,000,000 continuously tied up in goods on the way to market and in bills owed to the company.

This gives an idea of the volume of the Swift & Company business and the requirements of financing it. Only by doing a large business can this company turn live stock into meat and by-products at the lowest possible cost, prevent waste, operate refrigerator cars, distribute to retailers in all parts of the country—and be recompensed with a profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound—a profit too small to have any noticeable effect on the price of meat or live stock.

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